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## **RAYNOLDS PASS PRESCRIBED FIRE PROJECT RAYNOLDS PASS ASPEN ENHANCEMENT PRESCRIBED BURN**

**ASHTON, ID:** The Ashton/Island Park Ranger District plans to continue prescribed burns in the Reynolds Pass Prescribed Fire Project. The project area is broken into 3 units; Reynolds (445-acres), Upper Staley (270-acres) and Staley (465-acres).

The District will focus on completing the Upper Staley and Staley Units. These units are located between the Kelly Creek and Reynolds Pass area of the Henrys Lake Mountains. The north half (125-acres) of the Upper Staley Unit was burned in fall 2007 and about one-fifth (125 acres) of the Staley Unit was burned in the spring of 2008.

The project is expected to be carried out between mid September and early October. Actual ignition will be dependent on meeting strict parameters for weather, fuel and fire behavior conditions. Both hand ignition and aerial ignition with a helicopter may be utilized. Forest users and residents of Island Park, specifically the Henry's Lake area may experience temporary smoky conditions in the vicinity of the burn. No trail or road closures are expected. Interagency fire managers will attempt to minimize any adverse impacts as the burn proceeds. All units are located in Fremont County, Idaho.

The project is in the Centennial Mountains Subsection of the Targhee Forest Plan. The proposed project would result in improved age class distribution and occurrence of mountain brush species including snowberry, serviceberry, Rocky Mountain maple, Scouler willow and chokecherry. Implementation would also improve the age class distribution and size of aspen. Late seral conifer stands will be avoided, allowing easier control of the burn.

**Legal Description:** Reynolds unit: T16N, R42E, includes portions of Sections 14, 15, 22, 23, 26 & 27. Upper Staley unit: T15N, R42E, Section 2 and T16N, R42E, Section 35. Staley unit: T15N, R42E, Section 1 and T16N, R42E, Sections 35 and 36.

If you have any questions about the project, please contact the Ashton/Island Park Ranger District Office at 652-7442.